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SUBJECT: NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT: AIRCRAFT SHELTERS
FOR RAF UPPER HEYFORD, OXFORDSHIRE

1. EMBASSY IS RELIABLY INFORMED THAT TENDERS WILL BE
INVITED WITHIN APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS ON SUBJECT
PROJECT. NOTICE OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING ORIGINALLY WAS
ISSUED IN OCTOBER 1974, BUT COPY OF ICB STATEMENT
EVIDENTLY WAS NOT RECEIVED BY EMBASSY AT THAT TIME.
FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTICE:

A. RAF UPPER HEYFORD IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF OXFORD-
SHIRE, ENGLAND APPROXIMATELY 19 KM NORTH OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD AND APPROXIMATELY 8 KM NORTH WEST OF THE TOWN OF
BICESTER.

B. 20 NO AIRCRAFT SHELTERS ARE TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT RAF
UPPER HEYFORD OXFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND USING USAF SUPPLIED
DOUBLE CORRUGATED STEEL PANELS. THE SHELTERS WILL BE
APPROXIMATELY ELLIPTICAL IN SHAPE OF WHICH THE LEADING
INTERNAL DIMENSIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

HEIGHT AT CENTER 8.96 METRES

WIDTH AT FLOOR LEVEL 24.94 "

LENGTH 37.26 "

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THE SHELTERS ARE COMPOSED OF ARCHES, FORMED FROM THE

PANELS SUPPLIED, BOLTED TOGETHER, SUPPORTED ON REINFORCED CONCRETE GROUND BEAMS AND COVERED WITH A MINIMUM OF 450 MM THICKNESS OF CONCRETE. IN ADDITION A REINFORCED CONCRETE REAR WALL TO THE SHELTERS IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED INCLUDING A CLOSEABLE OPENING AND ASSOCIATED CONCRETE DEFLECTOR STRUCTURE FOR AIRCRAFT JET EXHAUST. A STEEL FRAMED BULKHEAD TOGETHER WITH DOORS IN FOUR SECTIONS WHICH ARE HINGED AT THE SIDE IS REQUIRED TO ENCLOSE THE FRONT OF THE SHELTERS. APPROXIMATELY 100 TONS OF STEEL ARE REQUIRED FOR THE BULKHEAD AND THE FRONT AND REAR DOORS FOR EACH SHELTER, WHICH ARE FORMED MAINLY FROM RECTANGULAR HOLLOW SECTIONS AND PLATES.

C. THE MAIN CONTRACTOR IS TO EXCAVATE EACH SITE TO ACCURATE LEVELS, PREPARE THE CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS TO EXACT DIMENSIONS, INSTALL THE SHELTER FLOORS AND ASSOCIATED ADJOINING AIRCRAFT APRON HARDSTAND AREAS IN AIRFIELD PAVEMENT QUALITY CONCRETE AND TO SUPPLY/INSTALL ALL THE ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS. THE CONTRACT WILL ALSO INCLUDE SELECTED SITES AT RAF UPPER HEYFORD TO A STRICTLY CONTROLLED PHASED PROGRAMME, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF THE CONCRETE COVERING, REAR WALLS, THE STEEL BULKHEAD AND DOORS. ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION WORKS (LIGHTING AND POWER) AND VENTILATION ARE INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE OF THE WORK.

D. IT IS PROPOSED TO INVITE TENDERS BY FEBRUARY 1976 FOR WORK TO START ON SITE BY JULY 1976, BUT A SEPARATE PRIOR CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY AND ERECTION OF THE STRUCTURAL STEELWORK MAY HOWEVER BE NECESSARY TO ENSURE A SATISFACTORY FLOW OF WORK DURING CONSTRUCTION.

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E. THE ORDER OF COST OF THE WORKS IS 4.5 MILLION POUNDS.

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G. INTERESTED TENDERERS SHOULD INDICATE WHETHER THEY WISH
TO BE INVITED FOR:-

I) ALL THE WORK

II) (I) EXCLUDING THE STRUCTURAL STEELWORK

III) THE STRUCTURAL STEELWORK ONLY

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE MAIN CONTRACTOR WILL BE RESPONS-
IBLE FOR THE EXECUTION OF ALL THE WORK, INCLUDING THE
STEELWORK, MECHANICAL AND THE ELECTRICAL WORK.
CONTACTED URGENTLY REGARDING PROJECT.
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